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Company F, Fourteenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, Colonel Kimball and T.G.Williamson as Captain, from Terre Haute, Vigo County,Ind. - July,1861

July 5th,1861 - Left Indianapolis for the Seat of War...fine reception at _____ refreshments for us from the ____ ____ ____ ____ i forgot Hancie passed Winchester next Union City reached the Soil of Ohio P____ and Urbana on the Road at Columbus about midnight.

6th - At Day Break got in view New York ____ took breakfast at Zanesville (got bad whiskey) Come to Belair at noon Sacred Soil of Old Dominion In View opposite shores of the Ohio got sick ferried over to Virginia ____ packed into Hog Cars Destination Grafton.

7th - Morning. Grafton received orders to go to Clarksburgh passed Deserted Towns and Bridges quarted(?) passed through 5 Tunnels last one came in collision with another Train horrible Luck but no Loss of Live. got to Clarksburgh furnished with wagons and horses started at 6 o clock a.m. and marched 5 miles camped started at 3 o clock p.m. marched ten miles and camped. took dinner consisting in a Hard Cracker marched again sevral miles many soldiers got sick 3 cases of Sun Struck Died passed the 13th Regt. Henry Stern camped for tonight

9th - took line of march at 5 o clock p.m. got to Buckanannon.

10th - Force march got to Roaring Creek Bridge. Rain. False alarm midnight.

11th - left early marched to Foote of Ridge Mountain Headquarters of Gen. McLellan. 8th, 10th and 13th Regmt left to attack the Enemy who is strongly fortified at Orders given the 14th was in line of Battle waiting for to march forward into Battle 2 o clock a.m. heavy cannonading. We in line till 6 a.m. wend to quarters dissattisfied not having had a Park in the Scene. Slept on arms.

12th - Rgmt early in line just as we was ready to march to attack the Enemy in Front a Cavalry Man brought the news the Enemy whipped and left their camp. Strike tents was the order and in shorttime we was in pursuit of the Rebels we came to the top of the Hill. Enemys camp Horrible sight Death and Wounded by the Hundert. The Rebels left all their camp Equipage Horses Wagons a.o.f. We found 250 of their Death and many it not found yet. Our loss was 15 killed 25 wounded. Chris Miller of the 10th mortaly wounded. Marched in quick time to Beverly camped for the night.

13th - got to Cheat Mountain Pass camped ⅓ I am just informed that we took 200 Prisoners at R. 164 at Laurel Hill.

14th - Our Rgmt and 9th Ohio wendt on Dopple quik to the Top of the Mountain 8 miles Distance to break up Rebel Camp on arriving there they had left few (h)ours before. Wend back to Camp tired and disappointed.

July 15th,1861 - Wash Day. Writing to by beloved ones at Home.

16th - Co.F was out shooting at Targett. Capt.Came return to Camp Boys strike tents. started for Chead Mountain got to top in the afternoon pitched tents on the side of a isolated hill. Co.G, H, I and K left back on Burnd Bridge in Tiggarts Valley Cheat Mountain Co.A marched to Chead River Bridge 1½ mile from here to guard that position.

17th - Beautiful Day. Allgeharnis in distance in view great activity in camp chopping and hewing at Breast Works. My own humble being at work with Spate(spade?) and ax very romantic endeed!!!

18th - fair weather i am on guard.

19th - Seargant Rutherford of Co.⅞B shot by our Picket. Men on picket line holding him and asking for scountersigne but he not repling. men fired and killed him instantly. fair weather.

20th - Our Scouts come bak but could not report anything of importance. 400 Rebel prisoners passed our camp on their way home false alarm we were in line of battle.

21th - Cavalry men just come back reported Scouting Party attacked. Cheat Mountain 1 men killed 3 wounded Party just come in one of the wounded died killed Serg.Gould Cin(sic) Private Monsh Cin. Rained all day.

22th - Scouting Party under Leut.Willard and Williams started out routed a Rebel Camp took 7 prisoners hard rain great rejoicing in camp

24th - Rest of the 14th just come up we feel safer now. scouting party started out consisting of our company marched all night stopped at 3 o clock I'm at a Rebel House took a splendid breakfast such as Milk, Sugar, Honey fresh bread a s f during the whole time we was in danger of getting sorcunded by the rebels who were in large numbers. We left the place after capturing many artikels of Puplick Property got safe but tired back to camp.

25th - Fine Day. News from Manassec burned Rebell wounded by Kirtley.

26th - Short rations flop jacks to eat many cursing old Buntin Gott! our scouts had skirmish with Rebels.

27th - raining as usual

28th - dressed up in our best duds rec a visit from Gen.Reynolds.

29th - false alarm again last night. Braikens Cavalry came to camp with us some familiar faces amongst them

30th - fair weather Capt.Coon goes ous(sic) with Scouting party

31th - Scouts run into enemy's picket line brought two prisoners Killed a Rebel Capt.

August 1th - Co.F was send as advance piket on the Hill 3½ miles east. Cavalry came dashing along shot into them returned fire discovered to be own men. Cheat Mountain. Br.C. killed one horse and wounded one cavalry men in the toe had a terrible rain wich we had to endure the whole night.

August 2th - Cloudy. Rebel deserter came in.

3th - hard rain in a.m. on piket two pieces of artillery came here expect an attack.

4th - Sunday. Pleasand Day wrote a letter to my Dad(?)

5th - Nothing of Impordance as usual disagreeable weather.

6th - exchanged canon with two taken at Rich.Mt.Artillery Co. forming in our Regiment.

7th - Rain. Our camp ordered to Gray Brock(?) 3½ miles east as advance piket. cold rain all night in the morning 25 of us wend as scouts to the noted rock close to Green Bryer with 10 cavalry men was fired on by Rebels 2 cavalry men wounded.

8th - Capt.Wood wend out with party. Rain.

9th - News from the Scouts fired into by Mountenoers Wilkinson of Comp.B killed 2 cavalry wounded. one died since. camp in allarm. 2 comp send out. Scouts return with several prisoners. Rain all the time our camp perfect mud hole.

10th - i am on a piket guard awful weather

11th - Rained as usual. Camp rumors in abundance. Boys talk of being three months men wand to go home (neary time) expect an attak.

12th - Rain! Rain! Rain!

13th - the same artikel over again short rations hard crakers who would be a soldier by Damned!

14th - Rain Sutler come Hurrah for us Now for Sutler checks On Piket again hard on a Dutch soldier.

15th - Cold very cold we have to drill 4 ours Boys busy laing in Stock of the Sutler. 24th Ohio arrived today. Our Boys wned out scouting came in contact with a superior number of Rebels give them Hell unter the S_t as Col.Kimball says. He killed several of them we had no loss.

August 16th, 1861 - Cheat Mountain - pleasand day at work building fortifications.

17th - Rain hard at work in the forenoon i rather would sell clothing! afternoon got on piket for 24 ours

18th - still raining scouts came in reporting the enemy within 11 miles of our camp drove their pikets in killing 7 of them wounding a number and captured three horses and squirl rifles. Private Somerfield of Co.E shot 2 of them.

19th - Cavalry men dashing into camp our pikets on the hill east attacted tried to scround them Col.sends several companys out. The Rebels were about 500 could not get fight of them unter arms all day.

20th - Raining Last night our Company was called out to deploy as skirmishers on the left of the Mountain expected attack from that side cold rain all night relieved at Reville. 17th Ind.Rgmt. and German Battery come to our assistance last night. not distrubed. 2 men missing from Co.D short rations hungry George Petit of Co.E shot his right hand off.

21th - fair day Spy came in reports 1500 men in Rebel camp. 17th Rgmt. returns to their camp. seen Julius _ernd.

22 - Rain Co.F goes as piket on the hill 3½ mile east. I was stationed as one of the advance piket. A waggon comes into piket line with three men. We halt them thke their arms from them one proves to be Rebel Capt. from Arkansas one Lout. one Teamster send them into camp got stationed on another Post. hard rain Rebel Scouts close to us try to find us out near time

23th - We returned to Camp fair day 2 missing men from Co.D came in living on blakberrys for a week. awfull weak was inside of Rebel piket line

24th - Pleasand day Lout Taylor resignes Ed Brasher elect in his place.

Our pikets fired into No one hurt. 4 other Leut. resigned considerable excitement abott three months men.

25th - Sunday fair day 5 Leut starting home also Doc McPheeters glad of it. on guard again. Rec. two letters one from Brother Bernhard one from Philip.

26th - fair day 25th Ohio camps up hard at work cleaning up our guns.

27th - moved our camp to a place more suitable to form a line pave with rocks Co.A moved up to the Rgmt. Ohio Comp.takes that post. false alarm last night.

28th - Raining on Piket guard one of Capt.Cooms men shot himself into the leg. short rations - a hard chaker a day Scouts come in Somerfield reports Rebels on Green Bryer 6000 men strong. run into their pikets killed two.

29th - Still raining had dress parade orders to keep our selfs ready at any time for an attak Rain Busy writing letters

30th - Fair day Marcus Fox of our camp died of consumption poor fellow he is gone never to return again

August 31th - Lovely day General Inspection of arms and clothing. on guard busy building fortifications

September 1th - usual pleasand day Sunday

2th - pleasand Gen.Reynolds paid as a visit.

3th - Nothing of impordance still pleasand

4th - Raining all non commissioned officers and Privates with few exceptions in guard house for Mutiny also John Nagle for sleeping on Post

5th - disagreeable weather. one man died of a wound another one shot his finger off still another one of 25th Ohio shot his finger off

6th - still raining

7th - diddo

8th - diddo

9th - diddo awfull muddy about knee deep busy building fort

September 10th,1861 - Struck tents to lay foundation under them. Our scouts give the Rebels a good dose again.

11th - Raining i am on Piket Rebels said to be in our rear Col.send out 3 comp. last night.

Sept.12th - fair day Cavilry men comes in our Provisions waggons attacked. Col.Send out our Comp. down the road 3/4 of a mile from the camp we found the Rebels in large numbers we deployed as skirmishers Co.C came then to our assistance we completely routed the Enemy killing a large number and wounding some took 13 prisoners a German i am ashame of such a country men! they left considerple of things behind such as knapsaks over coats blankets later we are all on guard awaiting every minute an attak if the Enemy had sucsected the(y) would have us all sorounted and cut up but thank Fortune their plan dit fail I just heart that the loss on our side is about 11 killed and 5 wounded.

Sept.'61 Cheat Mountain - I have it from good source that the Rebels had over 100 men killed i am informed that the number of Rebels our Comp. and Comp.C was engaged with was 3 Regiements all from Tennessee Lieut.Green of Co.B with about 28 of his comp. routed about 1500 men Rebels 4 miles below here good work _____ Boys the Rebels are now not more than ½ mile from my post i just heart the sound of a Buggle Capt. just comes from camp says Co.E on picket on the hill east sorounted but the(y) cut their way through. 2 men killed Lieut.Punod and Private Winder Poor Punod he was a model of an officier in the Regt. his death is much mourned of some of the camp missing ——— it is now nearly night. We have to remain at our Post. Orders for no one to sleep.

12th - Faid Day We were not attacted in the night as expected. We changet out Position several times. Col. and Major just passed here our gains are

__?__ we expect every minute Seceshs coming out of the woods. We will defend our Post to the last drop of blood the men all are as silend as in Death. Lout.Brasher just told us in a whisper to cock gun and hold ourself in readyness he seen them passing through an opening not further than ½ of a mile. This is the only moment in my Life that a certain feeling of that i like so many others is out to pass from this World. the moment ended is very holy. nothing has ocurred yet carmeniers are ready for action the(y) are ready to aim. One piece is not further than 50 yards from my post it is now ten o clock. the Col. just came up the road again saing "now Boys give them Hell." He is brave sure i love him like a Vather. It is now near noon the sun shines bright. Capt.Martin just came up the road he says the Rebels left their position and moved over towarts the Valley within a ½ mile from here. the d...m...d...cowarts are afraid to come out and fight a fair fight!

We are ordered into camp. keep your catridge boxes on and your pieces in sight. I lay down now to have a little rest i have been without sleep now for two days. We are again called out. Our piket was fired into one of Co.H killed B Rgmt. and 3th Ohio came in the afternoon to our help. the Rebels show them selfs 3½ miles east on the hill we can see them plain one officer on a white charger makes his appearance every moment Cavalry men of Rebels we can see riding up and down the hill winking with their swords to us. it is night sleep on arms is the order "Good Night"
13th?
13th - having given musilf up to the Powers of Morpheus and endeed i rested sown in its arms. but lo not long dit i enjoy this Pleasures the first thing i heard was bang! ghang! Fall in Comp.F and in less than 2 minutes we were in line. the Rebels bothered our Pickets during the night and for that cause we was called out send to quarters again i slppt __?__ during the remainder of the night. several of our pikets were killed but Mr.Secesh

had to pay for it dearly. the enemy is still visible several of Co.E came in our Camp. is ordered on Piket about 40 wagons start for provisions the road being safe again. the 2 Rgmts wend bak to their camp.

14th - rainy our pikets were engaged all night by the Rebels tryed to come in betw. camp and bridge fired into Co.E who was just going on Piket. Co.E returned fire and wounded 3 killed 1 no one hurt on our side Private Plymale in our Camp. shot 2 fingers off while on piket. one man of 2500 killed.

15th - Raining our pikets were drove in last night one man killed we was called out three times last night. Koster came on with goods also Doc Clippinger i am sick Rebels still on the hill

16th - Raining Sutlers busy but lo Co.F can not partake in it has to go on Piket on a very gloomy place to we have to live on a hard craker

17th - rain We are still on Piket ordered into camp our provision waggons came up with a large mail

18th - Rain. We are in camp i slept soundly it being the first night that we was not arroused by an allarm the Rebels are around us yet. the last one missing from Co.E came in very miserable and hungry having had nothing to eat for several days.

19th - Fine day Co.F goes on Piket on the Banks of Cheat River short rations 2 comp. of 3th Virginiens came up. nothing of impordance in camp all qui(e)t. i am on sick list

20th - Fair Day Co.back to quarters from pikot.

21th - raining During the day very disagreeable seen Mr.Newman

22th - very cold and raining. Part of the Rgmt. got overcoats Co.F goes on Piket 4½ mile west

23th - beautifull day overcoats came all qui(e)t

Sept.24th,1861 - pleasand day received our overcoats

25th - pleasand day Co.F go on piket

26th - Fair day 9 & 15 Ind. and 32 Ohio Rgmt came to camp. order to prepare two days rations expect to attak the Rebels tomorrow. Order countermanded. Rain 2 pieces of artillery came up.

27 - Raining and cold ___?___ (Howell?) our Sutler is reported being drowned in a Floot(flood?) trying to gross a Krook on Piggarts Valley

28th - Still raining Last night we had a severe storm killing several horses the men suffered very much this is surely the severest storm i ever seen in western regions Kester and Spahn started in search of poor Howell. Reuben the pet of the 14th is reported killed and eat up by the Hungry of the 32th poor goosey vengeance vengeance Col.Kimball will punish the one severely that killed poor Reuben. Revenge! Revenge is in the mouth of every gallant son of the 14th Mr.Kester just come back having found the remains of Poor Howell about 3/4 mile from the place where he started into Death the horse he found in a corn field lifing ...(note: small strip from top of page missing)...

30th - Paid day. Gen.Reynolds came up to pay us a visit had a drill got part of our cloth(ing?)

October 1th - Cold in the morning 17 Rgmt.came over from Elkwater

2th - Raining all the time Gen.Reynolds came just a few minutes ago tomorrow more

3th - we started about midnight 32 Ohio advance followed by the other Rgmt. 25th Ohio with the 3 batterys started early in the morning arrifed at the ___?___ Rock. Their pikets commenced to run into their camp. The Rebels were awaiting for our troops but in a short time the(y) were drove into their entrenchments with a heavy loss. our Batterys then commenced pouring into them for

nearly 4 ours supported by infantry. After the recieving reinforcements of about 5000 men and our ammunition having given out our forces retired with a loss of 7 killed and 13 wounded two died since. 14th had 1 killed 2 mortaly wounded and 4 slightly wounded 2 have died since. Sergant Price of Co.A 14th mortaly wounded in the leg died he was a good soldier and valuable man. The whole rgmt mourns his death. Capt.Foot of C.A is slightly wounded in the arm. The other two died are H.Myers Co.H and A.Boyd Co.C i am informed that the Rebel loss is about 400 killed

Oct.4th - Fair day Elkwater forces returned to their camp false alarm men resting

5th - beuty day all qui(e)t just got some pine branches for our beth(beds?)

6th - Sundy bright day all qui(e)t. Dined with Mr.Newman

7th - raining and cold

8th - diddo got marching orders we are all in good spirits a lout(loud) hurrah. Strike tents Rgmt.marched I was left behind with a number of others to take care of baggage

9th - Cold but bright day at noon. started for the Valley gave out on account of reumathism got safe into camp at Huttonville

10th - beutifull day on guard i feel like newly born trown into a new world. We feast on apples, cheshnuts as if something new to us. Dress parade

11th - Summer Day. Dull 4 ours Boys have lots of Sporte

12th - Fine day all quiet

13th - Sunday pleasand day word to hear sermon preached by Stevens Chaplain of the 15th We have the 13th, 15th and 17th Rgmt.with us now.

14 - Monday pleasand day Drill 2 ours in forenoon Battalion in the afternoon recieved our pay today

15th - Handsome weather have to go on guard 10 men detailed out of each Co. to work the roads

Oct.17th,1861 - gloomy weather detail for to work the roads start out

18th - another fine day made a floor of rail in our tents

19th - Saturday fair day wash day

20th - Sunday Handsome weather Mr.John H.Barr arrifed today glad to see him got two lettere by same

21th - another fine day had a splendit Battalion Drill went trough new manouveers

22th - beautifull weather in Huttonville

23th - raining in the morning ? guard

24th - Fair day but cold during last night

25th - Drye weather but cold. Mr.Barr wend home send several lettere

26th - cold but bright day Major Slemmer(?) of Fort Pikens notorily(?) arrifed here to inspect troops Chap(?) will come back

27th - Fine day Ganeral inspection by Major Slemmer closed by a S ? taken by the officer Col.Kahen returned from his home just an our ago. looks much bettur

28th - Find day on guard

29th - pleasand

30th - 13th Rgmt.werd on a scout

31th - clear weather but cold general inspection today

November 1th - cold and cloudy Capt.returned with his detail from the road.

2th - raining and disagreeable. Charles Canstatt in Co.E died court martial read on dress parade

3th - raining snow on the mountain Capt.Willard home on furlough

4th - cold and raining i am on guard

5th - disagreeable weather cold

6th - very cold and raining mudd knee deep 13th Rgmt.returned

Nov.7th,1861 - boys putting up chimneys muddy

8th - seen Henry Stein told me tired their march was 9 days made 100 miles had a skirmish worked awfull hard today putting up a chimney Sutler Kester Ellwood Sparks Young John Kester T.Brasher came on the day. great excitement arround the sutler tent. Boys la(y)ing in stock. Rec.letter & baggage from Bro.Barnhard. very much pleased with it

9th - bad weather raining all day

10th- and still it rains can hardly get out of tents for mudd Huttonville

10th Sunday Mudd! Mudd! is the talk cold

11th - frost I am on guard

12th - pleasand weather orders to build winter quarters went with Capt. and Lieut.Brasher to get a little house. took dinner at a house and had a great chad with a ___?___ (lousy?) girl. returned with Lieut.Brasher heard of the great victory our fleet won great excitement in camp.

13th - cutting and rolling logs for quarters

14th - cold and rain had fun rolling logs

15th -it snows rains and hails I have not been out of the hole today

16th - snowing snow 6 inches deep

17th - cold snowing on guard

18th - snowing and cold muddy mail came in had two letters several Rgmts. have marching orders including 15th & 17th Ind. great disappointmend for us hoped to get away from this wilderness 3th Ohio just passed through here from Elkwater 19th & 16th & 24th Ohio and part of 17th started muddy and cold we have to finish the quarters of the 17th bad luck

20th - awfully muddy and cold 15th started raining in the afternoon

21th - we are hard at work at winter quarters rest of 17th follow their Rgmt.

Nov.22th - cold but fair weather I played off this morning did not want to work at quarters went down to 13th to see H.Stern(Stein?) Capt.Wilson and Capt.Clinton and Lout.Price took dinor with Capt.Clinton.

23th - Still cold we are yet at work on quarters.

24th - Sunday cold setting round our chimney mail come in

25th - snowing and awfull muddy received our pay again

26th - Still cold and snowing part of 13th got marching orders i am jealous

27th - cold and ground froze hard

28th - raining and muddy Mr.Pool who was expected for a long time has at last come to light. I was out scouting to day after Virginia girls made some ___?___ (note: underlined German word)

29th - Muddy as usual Wm.Prater died this mornigg Poor fellow he was beloved in the comp. and his death is mourned at by many of us. We donate to send his remains bak to Terre Haute

30th - Mr.Pool started home with the body of Wm.Prater also Lout.Williams and several others who go as far as Philippi

Dec.1st - Rain and muddy

2th - ditto later it freezes 3 companys of the 14th A,B,C got marching orders off today We will follow glad to get out of this mud hole Mathew Gardner drummed out of the service

3th - cold and ground frozen 25th Ohio came here seen Jon Bush and Simon Kahn

4th - cold and clear orders to march later got off at 11 o clock marched about 8 miles and got awfull tired

5th - on the march got about 14 miles yesterday stopped at an old deserted house with 25 more of our co. came trough Beverly seen several friends in Beakins cavalry. today took breakfast at a round Stable Tavern awfull tired out. We are now resting squad consisting: Charles Sohne, James Yager, Lester Alloway Cummings O'Marya

ON THE MARCH - tryed hard to get lodging for the night this side the Mountain. could not make the riffle. Last house on foot of the mountain Stars and Stripes floating before the house. Hurrah for us he will keep us. but Co. can not stay think there is some humbugg about his Stars and Stripes before the house give the old fellow that to unterstand concluted after talking a vote in the squad to gross Laurel Hill before night. tired got to top after resting 57 times got behind it is 5 miles agross the mountain got to the end of it at last. My squad waiting for me seen the rebel fortifications nice solid work. We stopp at the 2th house from the mountain Clover(?) people Union. Had a spleddit supper tired i will go for sleep now

6th - fine day got our breakfast and started for Beelington a little town awfull tired sore feet and stiff. Lets rest and take din(n)er done after din(n)er traveled two miles and stopped for tonight Seen the Col.before din(n)er "glad to see you boys." "take your time" he says.

7th - 6 miles to Phillippi pleasand day Our little squad started out gave out half ways got into Philippi at last about 3 o clock a.m. this is a nice little place mostly deserted by the inhabitants said to be a Sesech Hole. Our comp.quartered at the Bridge grossing Valley River coal mines here

Sunday 8 - pleasand day wned up to see the town. Dress parade at 4 a.m.

ON THE MARCH December 9th - Fine day perfectly over run by pie and cake peddlers. Patriotic citycens(in a horn!) who trye to get rich out of our pockets I am boarding now pa(y)ing 25 cents a meal but is is rather a little to(o) expensive with an income of $13 a month

10th - Fine weather Drill in forenoon

11th - Beutifull day commenced boarding by the week with Mr.We_?_ hard crakers cannnt go it any more

12th - Fair Weather

13th - diddo Cheat Mt.Division started out to attak Green Bank Rebel

Camp. Reported victory.

Dec.14th - Fine day

15th - Cold but clear Rgmt.called up forms in column Col.spoke to us going home on furlough made a splendid speech feel well Rob C.Barr goes home on furlough

16th - Fine day Drill in the morning

December 17 - still fair weather Indian Summer Rgmt.rec.marching orders to Romney.

18th - pleasand Rgmt. did not get off today Our Co.has to stay at Bridge. Capt.started home.

19th - Rgmt.gone we feel bad about us sta(y)ing behind 13th Rgmt.came here this evening

20th - raining _?_ Lieut.Williams arrifed here today on guard

21th - 13th started this morning cold 14th weed to Romney also 13th

22 - Sunday weed to hear a sermon preached by Mr.Welk raining in afternoon

23 - rain and snow

24 - rain and snow part of 3rd Virginia Rgmt. came here today

25th - Christmas come at last great excitement fired a volley in honor of Christmas. about half of our boys on a Drunk do notlike to see it demoralise Co.F who bore a good name at all times.

26th - on guard muddy all quiet

27th - cold and ground frozen disagreeable quarters like to get out of them hard on Uncle Sam's soldiers no news yet from the 14th

28 - cold in morning sun coming out bright making a cheerful heart for us alse alarm Co.weed out on _?_ to get into a Battle disappointed

29th - cold in the morning fair during the day

30th - cold ground frozen on guard

31th - bright weather Excitment in Town last night. Secesh cavalry

surrounded camp. in Beelington said to would come here. Lieut.send out Piket but to my expectation the(y) did not come.

January 1,1862 - the New Year has arrifed and the old one is now out of fashion like so many things which pass away. Our beloved country is yet as in the early period of the old year in a deplorable condition when shall this Struggle end which carried so many of us away from beloved ones and our Daily Resorts. May the Day be not far when we again be placed in the circles of our friends and may the glorious Stars and Stripes float again over this country from the Atlantik to the Shores of the Pacific. this is a lovely day A gentle air waves around us and over the mountain tops Boys are all in high spirits.

2th - Fair weather on guard

3th - cold nothing of importance raining in the evening

4th - snowing and cold Excitement in quarters last night Plymale got on drunk knoket down the stove and cutting up for some time

5th Sunday - cold in the morning pleasand during the day

6th - cold and snowing on guard today

7th - snowing clear during the day

8th - cold in the moring sums fine forenoon Dispatch from Captain arrifed at Webster Rob.Barr just come back

January 9th,1862 - marching orders to Romney on to march at Webster we left Philippi at 8 o clock a.m. arrifed at Wevster found the Company departed for Grafton took train and got to Grafton 7 o clock a.m. Company gone.

10th - Raining stopped with 9 of our boys at Hotel missed the train this morning will start at 3 a.m. on the train for Cumberland ___?___ ___?___ Cumberland Mountains just went through Kingswood Tunnel said to be 1 7/8 mile

long. We just passed New Creek a little town built between Mountains crossed West Fork of the Potomac _?_ Piedmond passed beutifull town later at Cumberland just _?_ after _?_ We put up at Mountain City House.

11th - Dark and gloomy. News just came in our army having evacuated Romney no team goes to Green Spring was up to see the town some fine Buildings especialy the Revere and St.Nicola(?) Hotel. later seen Mr.Heidelberger went with the team to go to Patterson Creek ariffing there informed that our comp. agross the river with the 13th started back to Cumberland raining very hard.

12th - Sunday fine morning got to the company quartered with the 13th took dinner with Henry Stern Order to go to the Rgmt. found the Rgmt. on Nord Branch of Potomac 4 miles from Cumberland Boys of the Rgmt. cheered when joined the 14th again.

13th - cold sharp wind had to lay out last night on account of having no tents. provisions scarce later our tents come the(y) are pitched the(y) are the Sibley tents with stoves all quiet

14th - cold we had snow last night fell just comfortable setting around stove.

15th - cold in the morning a heavy hail dropped at about 10 o clock p.m. all quiet

16th - fine day snow nothing occured of any impordance.

17th - yesterday at Dress Parade various orders were read that Gen.Sander(Lander?) is Commander of the Division Col.Kimball commander of Brigade good news the boys were all glad the brigade consists of the 13th and 14th Indiana, 7th Virginia and 84th Pensylvania. cold and cloudy The day we had a grand Review of the _?_ Brigade the first occurense of this kind to the 14th Capt.Williamson is appointed Provost Marshall for this Post.

18th - Raining very disagreeable.

January 19th - Raining all last night cloudy this morning several new Regiements come in this morning "from Ohio Nord Branch Bridge Station"
January 20,1862 - Monday raining and muddy it rained all last night more troops come in We had orders for three day camp for to march put off on account the state of the weather all quiet a number of our bys were put on duty yesterday for 30 days without intermission tho(y) having stayed behind on our last march
21th - cloudy and slight rain quarters very muddy
22th - weather clearing up ground slightly frozen
23 - cold and cloudy no mail yet nothing of impordance
24 - cold ground froze this morning camp was called out this morning to give account for a House that was burned betw.Phillippi and Webster on the last march. Major Harlow(?) emitedd Clay Welch reduced to ranks Orderly Totten shot by scout
25th - Heavy snow this morning very agreeable outside
26th Sunday - Weather clear and cold Lieut.Brasher presented his resignation to Colonel
27th - clear and pleasant
28th - commenced raining yesterday at about 7 a.m. and still continuing very disagreeable outside feel very comfortable setting in tent by a warm fire all quiet in camp.
29th - weather mild but cloudy all quiet in camp.
30th - snowing and raining all day slush and muddy in quarters
31th - as usual since our ariffal there is nothing of impordance to recount kooping a report of the weather is about all the particulars and general news of the day the day the weather clerk pleased to furnish us with a little sunshine very refreshing this season of the year.

February, 1862 - Saturday 1 - about 4 inches of snow fell during the last night but is melting off very fast all quiet in camp.
2th - cold this morning but dry clear ground frozo on guard
3th - snowing all this morning commenced at 4 o clock p.m. no movement yet of our Forces in this Section.
4th - cold and chilly had orders to march at 4 o clock a.m. Reg.was in line order countermanded
5th - the sun throws its warm streaks over the Earth and makes the Snow disappear expect every minute to march We was just on line countermanded. keep yourself ready is the order. I will lay down now to take a little sleep.
6th - at 11 o clock a.m. last night just in time as i was soundly asleep The orders come fall in camp. was formed we got into carts and after being delaid about two hours The train started off to our enjoimend as the night was very cold and the old cars open after a very disagreeable and uncomfortable ride of about 4 ours we ariffed at a spot where we got off the train build a fire to warm up our frozen limbs expect to march later is raining now build huts of straw and rails the 13th just came up the Boys are cheering lay down by our fires
Feb.7th - Weather moderate. Orders to fall in Reg.formed got on the train with the 13th wend to PawPaw Tunnel got off the train marched about 5 miles expect to have a Brush with the Rebels. Order about face marched back to PawPaw Tunnel. Stacked arms and builded fires a lumber pile in the neighborhood had to suffer made huts out of them Provisions are getting scarse
8th - Our company wend on a scout about 7 miles but returned without having seen or hear anything of the Rebels more troops came in had to move our huts weather cold
9th Sunday - cold and windy more troops the mail has not come today

Feb.10th - Monday. Weather pleasand but cold 5th Ohio arriffed here last evening our Reg.showed its Hospitality towards them. Each company taking charge of the camp in the 5th by the same Letter and gave them refreshments Our tents just arriffed. later...we have pitched our tent and a brick fire glooms in the stove this feels much better and just comfortable

11th - Weather fine in the forenoon but snowing in the afternoon. Orders to march Reg.ready to march and in line countermanded

12th - Weather pleasant but muddy Reg.formed for Review at 10 o clock p.m. with Blankets and Haversacks ready to march ordered to quarters on Fatigue Duty ready

13th - Weather is fine but very muddy the Reg.formed in a line the news of the taking of Roanoke Island by the Burnside Expedition read to us Great cheering

DIARY ENDS HERE

OBITUARY - TERRE HAUTE EVENING GAZETTE, Friday, July 12, 1902

"John Kuppenheimer died Friday night - An Old and Respected Resident of this city has passed away - John Kuppenheimer, an old and respected citizen of Terre Haute died at 11:30 o'clock Friday night at his home 518 Crawford Street aged 62 years. He has been quite ill for some time. The deceased leaves a wife(Minnie) and one brother who lives in Chicago. There are six children: Mrs.Shaw of Detroit, and Walter, Jessie, May, Helen and Elga, all of this city. The deceased was a member of Company I, Fourteenth Indiana with Sheldon Swope, Wm. Gray, and others under Captain Lidley and Genl.Kimble. He was also a member of the Volunteer Fire Company, Vigo No.2. The members of the Volunteer Fireman's Association are requested to attend the funeral. Mr.Kuppenheimer was a letter carrier under Post Master Filbeck."

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TERRE HAUTE CITY DIRECTORY 1872 - Kuppenheimer,John, clothing,
h w s 4th s of Poplar
Kuppenheimer & Bro.,118 Main St.
Opera House Block

1876 - Kuppenheimer,John(Lustig & Kuppenheimer)
res. e s 4th s Oak
Lustig,Chas.(Lustig & Kuppenheimer)
bds.s s Main e 6th
Lustig & Kuppenheimer - Editors & Props.
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4 S.5th

1901 - Kuppenheimer,Jessie B. res.518 Crawford
.....,John,bookkeeper "
.....,Minnie(wife of John) "
.....,Walter L.,clerk Hulman & Co. "

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